

# The Vicar of Bray

**PAT**

In good King Charles' golden days, when loyalty no harm meant,  
A zealous high churchman was I, and so I gained preferment.  
To teach my flock, I never missed Kings are by God appointed  
And damned be he who dare resist or touch the Lord's anointed.

**And this be law, I will maintain  
Until my dying day, sir  
That whatsoever king may reign,  
I'll be the Vicar of Bray, sir.**

**ENSEMBLE**

LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA, LA

**PAT**

When royal James usurped the throne, and popery came in fashion,  
The penal laws I hooted down, and read the Declaration.  
The Church of Rome, I found would fit Full well my constitution  
And I had been a Jesuit, but for the Revolution.

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**ENSEMBLE**

LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA, LA

**VICKIE**

When William was our King declared, to ease the nation's grievance,  
With this new wind about HE steered, and swore to him allegiance.

**SCOTT**

Old principles HE did revoke Set conscience at a distance,  
Passive obedience was a joke, a jest was non-resistance.

**VICKIE & SCOTT** – Chorus

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**PAT**

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**ENSEMBLE**

LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA, LA

**CAROLINE**

When Royal Anne became our queen, the Church of England's glory,  
Another face of things was seen, and he became a Tory.

**CAROLINE & LAURA**

Occasional conformists base he blamed their moderation;  
And thought the Church in danger was from such prevarication.

**ENSEMBLE** – Chorus

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**ENSEMBLE**

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**CLINT**

When George in pudding time came o'er, and moderate men looked big, sir  
HIS principles HE changed once more, and HE became a Whig, sir.

**CLINT & FIONA**

And thus preferment HE procured From our new Faith's Defender,  
And almost every day abjured the Pope and the Pretender.

**ENSEMBLE** – Chorus

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**ENSEMBLE**

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**ENSEMBLE** (REPREATE)

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**PAT**

The illustrious house of Hanover and Protestant succession  
To these I do allegiance swear --- while they can hold possession.  
For in my faith and loyalty I never more will falter,  
And George my lawful king shall be ---

**VICKIE**

until the times do alter.

**EVERYONE** – Chorus

**And this be law, HE( I ) will maintain**

**Until HIS (MY) dying day, sir**

**That whatsoever king may reign, (*RETARD*)**

**HE'll (I'll) be the Vicar of Bray, sir.**